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Hongkong, 18th January, 1889.

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threatened to take similar action to that decided upon by the local victims in "Ropes." It would thus appear that the short-sellers in the Rope Co.'s scrip have at least a precedent for their proposed course of action.

If the reports that are now current in the colony may be relied on, this threatened *cause celebre* will lead to some startling disclosures as to the extraordinary liberties that have been taken with impunity in the manipulation of other people's property by those who stand in the position of trustees or servants of interests that are purely public. And it is on this account that we hail with satisfaction the determination arrived at by those persons who have been victimised by the inspired "corner" to fight the matter out to the bitter end. Joint stock companies are essentially public, and they owe their existence and the special privileges they enjoy under the statute to that fact. How grossly mismanaged many of these concerns have been in this colony is unfortunately only too notorious. The very men who have been liberally paid to advance and protect the rights of the shareholders have made a common practice of ignoring everything but their own personal interests, and have unscrupulously enriched themselves at the public expense. We do not for one moment allege or insinuate that such has been the custom in the management of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, nor so far as we are aware has any such allegation been made; but that a screw has been loose somewhere is only too evident from the recent sensational proceedings on "the Rialto" and the present dead-lock in the Company's shares. Doubtless the truth will be arrived at under the searching examination of counsel in the Supreme Court.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter.)

THE F. R. NELSON COMMISSION.

LONDON, February 27th.

Piggott is missing and a warrant has been issued for his arrest; meanwhile the Commission has adjourned.

JOHN MORLEY ATTACKS THE GOVERNMENT.

In the House of Commons Mr. John Morley moved an amendment to the Address, but the main part of his speech consisted of an attack upon the Government for the prison treatment of members of the House, and the alleged police assistance given to the *Times*. Mr. Balfour replied in a powerful speech, vigorously defending the action of the Government.

PARNELL VICTORIOUS.

February 28th.

The counsel for the *Times* withdrew the letters and expressed regret for their publication.

THE REVIVAL OF TRADE.

Lord Salisbury, speaking at a banquet, said he rejoiced at the emphatic symptoms of a revival of trade.

(From the *Straits Times*)

MORE COERCION.

LONDON, February 20th.

Mr. O'Brien, M.P. has been sentenced to a further period of six months imprisonment.

PERTSHIRE AND HOME RULE.

Mr. Kinloch, Separatist, has been elected for Perthshire by a majority of 1,700.

[This election was caused by the death of Mr. R. S. Menzies, Home Rule member for the Eastern division of the county, who at the last general election polled 3,504 votes against 2,192 cast for his Liberal Unionist opponent.]

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

Herr von Bötticher, Home Secretary for Germany, opening the Trade Congress at Berlin said there was no reason to fear any disturbance of the peace of Europe.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An Emergency meeting of Zealand Lodge, No. 125, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

DUBIOUS Customer—See here, these black pants have already worn shiny. Dealer—Mien friend, dot vos dot new style Vre ch goods. De longer you wear dem de bedder dey match your boots.

We are informed by the agent of the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Amphitrite*, from Trieste, left Singapore for this port on Thursday afternoon.

THERE are more than twenty Russian Princes who are entitled to be styled grand duke. There are five grand dukes Nicholas, three grand dukes Alexis, Sergius, George, Alexander and Constantine.

EUREKA! And likewise hurray. The Singapore *Free Press* has solved the Panjom mystery. The reason why no gold has recently been forthcoming from Pahang is, according to our contemporary, because "it is secretly collected by Chinese dealers and exported just as secretly in junks to the north of China." The same gentleman who made this astonishing discovery, has the strongest confidence in the Panjom auriferous district, and avers that had it not been for the crass mismanagement which prevailed at the mines (?) up till the time when Mr. Beecher took charge, the original shareholders should ere now have made their fortunes. After all this theorising we are not surprised at the recent "boom" in Panjom, which has done the colony so much good—at the expense of Singapore.

THE number of living children per family in France is 2.07, which is believed to be a lower average than can be found anywhere else in the world.

SOMEbody set a match on fire at Wanchai early this morning, and came near burning a lot of bullocks to death. Four pigs were roasted, as it was.

THE E. & A. Co.'s steamer *Airle* made the run from here to Singapore inside five days, averaging 12 knots—a very good performance for a vessel of her class.

HORTENSE—What an awful squeeze there was at the Von Twiller reception last night. Grace—Yes; George and I had to sit outside, on the stairs. Hortense—Did the *squeeze* continue out there?

OUR annual Race Pamphlet, containing a full descriptive report of the recent Hongkong Jockey Club meeting, will be ready on Monday morning. Orders should be sent early to this office, as only a limited number will be printed.

In reply to "Short-seller" we may state that, generally speaking, contracts for what are called "time-bargains" are perfectly valid in law. We will look up the latest decisions and summarise the law on the subject in a day or two.

THE Amy Sherwin English Opera Company will shortly appear for a season in Hongkong. Miss Sherwin is an artist of exceptional ability, and the other members of the company are highly spoken of by the Calcutta and other papers.

THE steamer *Hong Ann* left Singapore for British North Borneo on the 21st ult., with 42 Sikhs fully equipped, also a hundred thousand Snider cartridges and ammunition for the howitzers lately brought out from England by the steamship *Glenagarry*. The little war in Borneo appears likely to give considerable trouble to the authorities.

We have received a copy (No. 49) of the *Regimental News*, a readable little sheet published by the 1st battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The editor is Lieut. Sutherland and the printer and publisher Private G. Graham. Our latest local contemporary is smartly written, capitally printed, and altogether is a credit to the Regiment.

THE *Straits Times* of the 21st ult. says:—In the matter of our article of yesterday on gold dust from Pahang, we are told that the trade became diverted from Singapore by reason of the communication opened up with China, and the demand for gold there. We are informed that the gold now sent from Pahang to China amounts to a large annual value; but of course there are no statistics.

SAYS the *Chinese Times* in one of its Peking "notes":—The amicable cession of Peking, the occupation under favouring circumstances of the new site, and the quashing of the Protectorate will certainly have a good effect upon the Catholic missions. Now that they are severed from aggressive political influences, greater facilities, confidence, and toleration will be accorded by the Chinese officials, literati, and people, and we are confident various missions will soon recognize a wide and beneficial change in their relations with the Chinese Empire.

STEAM pipes of copper are now made by electro depositing from sulphate of copper solution. The pipe is formed on an iron core in the deposition bath, and the deposited copper is pressed by a moving tool as it is deposited, so as to give a fibrous strength to the crystallized copper. After the pipe is thus formed it is subjected to hot steam, which expands the copper shell or pipe clear off the iron core, thus separating the two. These pipes have no joint, and are said to be very strong, tests showing that they break with strains of from twenty-seven to forty-one tons per square inch.

THE Seventh Prince, according to our Tientsin contemporary, is reported to be recovering in health. He now transacts official business, and his part in the conduct of it is continuous and laborious, as he is especially referred to in particular matters. His brother, Prince Kung, is not in good health, as a serious disorder, formerly abated, has returned, and he is said to suffer much from the effects of it. The Sixth Prince is, however, looked upon by many as the coming man, when the assumption of full power by the Emperor requires the Seventh to keep more aloof from the responsibilities of public business.

THE charge against Charles Carr, second mate of the barque *Adam W. Spies*, of assaulting a sailor named Carlson, was again before Mr. Woodhouse this morning. Dr. Atkinson gave evidence to the effect that the man was suffering from some nervous affection, and had slight paralysis of the face when admitted to the hospital, and Colonel Withers, U. S. Consul, also gave evidence as to his condition when discharged. Defendant denied the assault, and said that Carlson fell off the pin-rail. His Worship thought it probable that a blow was struck, but as so long a period had elapsed between then and the taking out of the summons he disclaimed the case.

THERE has lately been invented a new system of synchronism which, it is claimed, will make it cheaper to telegraph messages than to mail them. Dr. J. Harris Rogers of Washington, D. C., is the inventor, and he claims that the world will be almost revolutionized by his discovery. The new system, Mr. Rogers says, reduces the English alphabet to ten elementary characters. The messages are prepared by means of a machine resembling a typewriter and manipulated in the same manner. With the use of ten keys, one for each character, any desirable message can be written. A test of the new apparatus was held in New York a short time ago, and a message of seventy-six words sent over in twenty-five seconds, and printed on tape in plain Roman characters. The inventor says that he can by this system make one wire do the work that ten do now by the system in vogue.

THERE will be an Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Tuesday, the 5th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

"Let me ask you, Mr.——" "Yes, Miss Snooksbury, I have read 'Robert Elsmere,' and I think it's a great book." "But I wasn't thinking of that, I wanted to know——" "If I consider marriage a failure? Well, I wouldn't like to venture an opinion."

TO-MORROW morning between 9 and 10.30 o'clock the steam-launch carrying the Bethel flag will call alongside any vessel hoisting code pennant C, to convey men ashore to St. Peter's service at St. Peter's Seamen's Church, returning about 12.30.

THE Russian ironclad frigate *Admiral Nakhimoff*, Captain Delivour, arrived at Singapore from Cronstadt, via Colombo on the 21st ult. The *Admiral Nakhimoff* is a vessel of 8,000 tons, carries a crew of 560 men, is armed with 18 breechloading guns, and is fitted with engines of 8,000 horse-power.

MISS MONEYPENNY—Here are your letters, Mr. Mugby. "Mr. Mugby (with a relieved expression)—Oh, thank you; they are all here, Miss Money Penny?—Miss Money Penny—Yes, that is all but one—Mr. Mugby (nervously)—Which one, Miss Money Penny?—Miss Money Penny (calmly)—The one in which you talk about a cottage and a trellis and a little wife, Mr.



CAPITAL ACCOUNT.	
31st December, 1888.	
<i>Assets.</i>	
Property Account	\$742,308.66
Steam-launch Precursor	5,292.30
New Boiler	1,675.35
Cube Machine	28,877.95
Refined Sugar	70,941.24
Raw Sugar	28,400.32
Molasses	894.50
Coal, Charcoal, Stores, Fire Insur.	
ance, &c.	33,735.52
Cash	1,038.77
Sundry Debtors	62,295.44
Profit and Loss Account	18,466.48
<b>\$991,928.58</b>	

Liabilities.	
Capital Account	\$700,000.00
Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Advance	50,000.00
Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Current	209,713.59
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking	
Corporation	19,898.88
Sundry Creditors	1,295.81
<b>\$991,928.58</b>	

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	
To Balance from last year	\$27,948.51
Interest	\$21,371.41
Less Interest General	
Agents' Advance Ac-	
count	3,500.00
	17,871.41
Remuneration to Consulting Com-	
mittee	1,500.00
General Agents' and Manila	
Agents' Commissions	11,139.91
Auditor's Fee	125.00
	\$58,584.85
By Gain on Working	\$40,118.37
Balance	18,466.48
	<b>\$58,584.85</b>

Hongkong, 25th February, 1889.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Company, and the Returns received from the Manila Agents, and certify that the above Statements are in accordance therewith.

THOS. ARNOLD, Auditor.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

**SAKIN, February 10th.**  
Reports are constantly reaching here from the Sudan that the forces of the Sheikh el Senoussi have defeated the Mahdists in several engagements and captured El Obeid.

**February 11th.**  
The rebels have evacuated and burnt Handouk.

**LONDON, February 12th.**  
Mr. O'Brien has been removed from Clonmel Jail to Tralee to answer a further charge under the Crimes Act.

Advices from Charjoi state that General Kooroff, accompanied by the Chief of the Staff, arrived yesterday. The Amir Abdul Rahman, with a numerous retinue, is at Chulm or Tashkurgan and according to Russian accounts he is taking measures which show distinct ill-will towards Russia. He is also accused of breaking off the commercial relations which existed between the two countries, and of spreading reports of coming war with Russia. Under these circumstances Russia feels compelled to take measures to meet any possible act of hostility on the part of the Amir.

**PARIS, February 12th.**  
The French Government are negotiating with Russia with the object of opening Turkish trade, and establishing French consulates in the principal towns there.

**February 13th.**  
Maharajah Duleep Singh, who is at present here, has issued a manifesto addressed to the Princes and people of India. In it he declares that there are supporters in Europe and America who are ready to form an army for the overthrow of the British rule in India, but that a fund of £4,000,000 is necessary for the purchase of munitions in order to carry out that object. Besides the Punjabese, Irish soldiers serving in British regiments in India would assist in the movement. At an interview with a special correspondent of the Standard here, Duleep Singh informed him that 90 per cent of the Princes of India were prepared to revolt against the British.

## THE IMPERIAL MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

The marriage of the Emperor of China, Kuang-shi, to Yeh-ho-na-la, niece of the Empress Dowager and cousin of the Emperor, took place on the 26th February. The following account of the ceremony enjoined by precedents was specially sent from Peking to our Shanghai morning correspondent.

A few days before the actual wedding the servants of the Office of Equipments will carry to the Imperial palaces with all ceremony the hundreds of articles for the use of the Emperor and his bride that have been prepared previously by the Board of the Imperial Household, and kept in the Empress' palace. These articles comprise jewellery, head-dresses, clothes and accessories, embroideries, needlework, fine china-ware, gold and silver work, furniture, carved and inlaid upholstery, personal ornaments, stationery and so forth.

On the 24th of February the High Officers, by the Emperor's command, should go to worship at the Temples of Heaven, Earth, and the Gods, and announce the approaching nuptials. On the 25th of February, the necessary arrangements should be made in the palace. The Officers of the Office of Equipments should reverentially bring out the Empress' sedan chair, yellow chairs and her chariot to which an elephant is harnessed—this last being merely formal. The accompanying paraphernalia are—

Two pairs of yellow silk umbrellas, embroidered with dragons.

One pair of crooked handled umbrellas, embroidered with phoenixes.

A pair of large fans.

Two coloured umbrellas.

Four umbrellas worked with gold thread.

A pair of plain red umbrellas.

Eight banners decorated with dragons and phoenixes.

The embroidered flags.

Eight fans embroidered with dragons.

Eight yellow fans shaped like a pheasant's tail.

At the proper time the gold sceptre inlaid with jade, with a dragon character on it, should be brought out from the Imperial palace and received by the two Ministers of the Imperial Household at the Chien-ching palace, in order that it may be placed in the Empress' sedan chair.

The same Ministers must prepare two pavilions in the courtyard of the Chien-ching palace, to contain the Empress' wedding dresses. A leading eunuch then requests the appointed princesses to put the dresses in the pavilions, which are then carried by eunuchs to the gate of the Shun-chien palace,

handed to the Office of Equipments, who despatch them to the Empress' residence, attended by four princesses. On their arrival they are handed to the eunuchs of the residence, the princesses remaining to be ready for their next duties. On the same day yellow tables are arranged by the chief eunuchs at the Chiao-tai palace, on the right and left hand, and on them the marriage contract and gold seal are placed.

The Emperor then repairs to the Training palace, where he knows nine times to the Empress Dowager after which he goes to the Tai-ho palace, where the yellow tables are placed, and reads over the marriage contract. Here two pavilions have been prepared, and the Chief Commissioner takes the gold sceptre and puts it in the pavilion, while the Assistant Commissioner puts the marriage contract and gold seal in the other. The Office of Equipments then carries three pavilions in procession from the Tai-ho palace through the middle gate of the palace and out at the Ta Ching gate to the Empress' residence. On their arrival the Empress' sedan chair is placed temporarily in front of the hall, with these pavilions on the right and left of it. Meantime the Board of Works has arranged three yellow tables in the hall, one in the middle, the others on either side, the Chief Commissioner placing the gold sceptre on the centre table, and the marriage contract and gold seal on the side tables. The Commissioners then retire and leave the arrangements in charge of the eunuchs belonging to the Empress' residence.

On the 26th of February, all being ready, four princesses will proceed to the Empress' residence at 12 o'clock a.m. (sic), to assist in robing the Empress. The robes that she will have to wear are—

A red silk head dress decorated with pearls, chrysophrases, coral, rubies, carnelians, amethysts, and jasper, and blue feathers.

An embroidered court robe decorated with jewels on the overlaps.

Two strings of coral beads.

A necklace decorated with coral.

A pair of jewelled earrings.

A folded handkerchief.

The Empress will come to the hall and invite her to come out and receive the marriage contract and gold seal. She will be attended by two princesses, while a eunuch holds the contract in both hands and reads it to her. This done, the Empress will retire to her hall and again rest.

A eunuch then takes the gold sceptre and seal and hands them to the Chief Commissioner, who replaces them in their pavilions all the proper officers and attendants being in their places.

Another eunuch will fix the auspicious time, and then eight eunuchs will carry the Empress' chair into the hall, the chair containing a sceptre inlaid with jade. This sceptre will be taken by two princesses, and handed to a eunuch who will give it to the officer of the Imperial Household, who replaces it in its pavilion.

The princesses will then help the Empress to take her seat in her chair, after giving her an apply, the chair having been furnished with a piece of Tibetan incense, and having been placed in the position of "Pleasing God." The whole procession will then escort the Empress to the Imperial palace, by the main front entrance, the Ta Ching gate. Princesses and noble ladies will enter by the back gate, the Shen Wu gate, and will await the arrival of the procession at the palace. On its arrival at the Chien-ching gate, the attendants must stop, and the pavilions having been replaced, the Ministers of the Board of Rites will take out the gold seal and marriage contract from these pavilions and place them on the tables arranged at the Chien-ching palace, where eunuchs will be waiting to receive them. During this time the officials of the Board of Music will perform, and then eight eunuchs will carry the Empress' chair into the Chien-ching palace, where she will be requested to alight, and will be transferred to another chair decorated with peacocks' feathers, in which she will be carried to the Chungtsung palace. Here a brazier of live coals will have been made ready, over which her robes will be carried. The appointed princesses will then ask her to alight, and present her with an apple. The sceptre inlaid with jade will be taken out of her chair, and she will be presented with a "precious bottle" containing pearls and gold coins.

A bow and arrow and a saddle have been previously placed on the threshold of the bridal chamber, and the Emperor having arrived in full costume to meet his bride, takes the bow and arrow and shoots at the saddle on the threshold, and then removes the bride's veil. Two Princesses then conduct the Empress to the bridal chamber where the Emperor sits on the left hand of the bed, and the Empress on the right, face to face. The Princesses then request the Imperial couple to drink by joining their wine cups. When night comes, some of the ladies of the court offer them the pudding called the "Pudding of Sons and Grandsons," and the bride called the "Broth of Long Life." This having been done the Princesses will arrange the bed, sceptres inlaid with jade being put at the four corners of the bedstead.

At 3 a.m. on the 27th of February the Princesses go to the bridal chamber to help the Empress to dress. The Emperor also puts on his full dress, and the proper instructions are given to the Imperial couple as to kneeling, bowing and rising. The Emperor then conducts the Empress to worship the Gods of Heaven, Earth and the Household, which they do by kneeling and kowtowing nine times. This done, they repair to the Hwu Huang temple where they burn Tibetan incense and kowtow nine times; thence to the Chien-ching palace where they kowtow nine times before the images of their grandfather, father and brother, thence they come to the Chu-shi palace, where they present sceptres to the Empress Dowager and kowtow nine times. The Empress Dowager gives them her own sceptre and they return to the palace where the Empress kneels to present her sceptre inlaid with jade to the Emperor, and kowtows nine times. The Emperor confers his sceptre inlaid with jade on the Empress, who then takes her seat, and the two secondary Empresses kneel down and kowtow nine times to the Emperor.

On the 3rd of March a proclamation will make known the Imperial marriage throughout the whole Empire.

On the 5th of March the Viceroy, Governors, Generals-in-chief, and Brigades-Generals of the eighteen provinces, and nobles and high officials of the first and second rank in Peking, will congratulate the Emperor, each presenting him with a sceptre inlaid with jade. On the following day the Emperor graciously gives a banquet to his Ministers and the Envoys of his vassal kingdoms, which, by the gracious permission of the Empress Dowager, is attended by the noble ladies of the Court.

Notes.—The Empress' gold sceptre, decorated with pearls, signifies that the Empress sits as hard as gold, and as precious as jade. The Empress' gold seal, made by the Board of Works, and is engraved with hieroglyphic characters as the standard authority.

## MACAO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Macao, 1st March, 1889.

A fire occurred on the night of the 28th Feb. in the Chinese quarter of the city, but was promptly extinguished without much damage having been done.

A Chinese mandarin from Chin-san, named Gai, paid a visit to the Holy City the other day

and addressed a despatch to the Procurator informing that official of his arrival, and requesting him to notify the Portuguese that whenever they had any question to settle with the Chinese of Macao, they should call upon the Mandarin to settle the same. The Procurator, by instructions received from the Governor, ordered the Mandarin to quit the Holy City within twenty-four hours, which the worthy dignitary is said to have done. The *Independente* has sounded an alarm over this little incident, in its customary syllabic style, much to the discomfort of the Chin-san *senatus populatusque*.

The Governor of Macao will shortly proceed to Peking in order to make personal acquaintance with the Chinese Ministers and arrange about the long-pending delimitation of the frontier of Macao. The idea being prevalent in the Holy City that the Island of Lapa should revert to the Portuguese, hopes are said to be entertained that an amicable arrangement may be come to, by which China will cede the coveted island to old Lusitania. The Portuguese had better claim the whole of the Kwang Tung province!

Several Portuguese functionaries are returning to Portugal by the next French Mail, among them being Senhor Cadral, the Colonial Treasurer. Major Dôres will be appointed Acting Colonial Treasurer.

The new Minister of Marine and the Colonies is Senhor F. Ressaio Garcia.

A committee has been appointed to enquire into the causes of the diminution of native shipping in the harbour of Macao.

Forty-five of the time-expired men who landed in Lisbon from the transport *India* had to go to hospital for suffering from disorders of a suspicious character.

A great robbery has been perpetrated in the Lisbon cathedral; diamonds valued at half a million dollars were abstracted from a *cassida*, or church utensil used for the exposition of the sacrament, and false stones substituted.

## To-day's Advertisements.

THE "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR SINGAPORE.

THE British Steamer

"BENLAVERS"

Captain Webster will be despatched at above on WEDNESDAY, the 6th inst., at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1889. [285]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"KAISAR-I-HIND"

will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the next outward English Mail.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1889. [3]

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"ANCONA"

will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 15th inst., at NOON.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1889. [3]

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, PORT SAID, MALTA, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON;

ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship

"PEKIN"

Captain P. Harris, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this day for LONDON, via BOMBAY AND SUEZ CANAL, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th March at NOON, instead of as previously advertised.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 P.M., on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT AND PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 2nd March, 1889. [1]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

The Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 9th March, 1889, at 3 P.M., at "Dunford" the Peak, late Residence of

THOS. E. CANDLER, Esq., THE WHOLE OF THE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—

DRAWING ROOM SUITE, MIRRORS,

TABLES, PICTURES, FENDERS, &amp;c.

DINING ROOM FURNITURE,

CROCKERY, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE,

BATH-ROOM FURNITURE, &amp;c., &amp;c.

The above will be on view on Friday next. TERMS AS USUAL.—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1889. [282]

ST. JOHN LODGE

OF HONGKONG,

No. 618, S.C.

A NEMERGENCY MEETING of the above

named Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on TUESDAY, the 6th inst., at 5.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1889. [283]

## To-day's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525.

A NEMERGENCY MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 2nd March, at 8.30 for 9 O'CLOCK precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1889. [261]

WEBB'S

ROYAL MARIONETTES

A GRAND MATINEE.

THIS EVENING,

the 2nd March, 1889,

LAST PERFORMANCE OF THE PRESENT

PROGRAMME.

THE ITALIAN FANTOCCINI,

THE CHRISTY MINSTRELS,

and the beautiful Pantomime of

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.

Changing into the HARLEQUINADE, after which

MRS. AUSTIN POWER, will appear in her

TOPICAL SONG

"I CAN'T GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST."

The whole concluding with a grand TRANSFORMATION SCENE.

Entitled

THE PALACE OF DEW DROPS IN THE GROTTO OF STALACTA.

Reserved Seats may be secured and booked at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, LD.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Dress Circle and Stalls ..... \$1.00

Pit ..... 1.00

Children half price, Soldiers in Uniform will be admitted to the Pit at half-price.

C. DERMER, Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1889. [250]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (FLORIO AND RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY,

having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers, to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESINA, NAPLES (LEGHORN), and GENOA, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LIGURIAN, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALAO. Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

THE Company's Steamship

"BORMIDA"

will be despatched as above on FRIDAY the 8th March, at NOON.

At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in Victoria's Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1889. [281]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, &amp; TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"AMPHITRITE"

Captain G. Gemisch, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 11th inst., at NOON.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya Central.

O. BACHRACH, Agent.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1889. [279]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, 23rd March, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th to 23rd inst., both days inclusive.

RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1889. [280]

## Masonic.

VICTORIA LODGE,

No. 1026.

A NEMERGENCY MEETING of the above

named Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on TUESDAY, the 5th March, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1889. [271]

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above

Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th inst., at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1889. [277]

## Notices of Firms.

MITSU BISHI COLLIERY AGENCY.



